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FOR THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FROM BELL

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SUBJECT: CANAL ZONE BOMBINGS

REF: PANAMA 8284

1. NORIEGA APPEARED UNEXPECTEDLY AT BUNKER'S RECEPTION FOR BOYD THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 7 AND PRESSED ME HARD -- "ON INSTRUCTIONS" -- RESPECTING JORDEN'S DEMARCHE, OUR EVIDENCE, AND OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO RELEASE IT PRIVATELY TO THE GENERAL. MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION FOLLOWS.

2. NORIEGA REPEATEDLY RAISED THE RODRIGUEZ CASE, AND IN WAYS SUCH THAT I CAME AWAY FROM THE CONVERSATION PERSUADED THAT SOMEONE PAID OFF RODRIGUEZ TO TAKE THIS RAP, THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE BEING TO "PROVE" THAT ALL OF THE BOMBINGS HAVE BEEN MANAGED AND/OR CARRIED OUT BY THOSE IN EXILE. SURPRISINGLY, NORIEGA GAVE HIMSELF AWAY REPEATEDLY.

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3. AT LEAST THIS MAY CAST ONE ADDITIONAL RAY OF LIGHT

ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF "BOMBINGS". ROBINSON

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